



COVID19 safety protocols for AAA shows

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This Covid-19 safety protocols for AAA shows (*the Handbook*) has been developed for use at Australian Alpaca Association (AAA) alpaca shows and events. It is the priority of the AAA is to ensure that all people attending our events are protected.

The handbook is to be available to all show and event attendees, to ensure everyone is educated on the potential risks of certain behaviors and understand the COVID-19 risk management systems and processes that the AAA has put in place and the reasons for these.

QR Code

Register as a Covid Safe Business and apply for a relevant state or territory QR Code:

WA - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-coronavirus-contact-registers-and-safewa-frequently-asked-questions>

NSW - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe>

Vic - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qrcode>

SA - <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-work/covid-safe-check-in>

Tas - https://www.health.tas.gov.au/covid19/check_in_tas_-_register_your_business

QLD - <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/approved-industry-covid-safe-plans>

ACT - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/what-you-can-do/covid-safe-events>

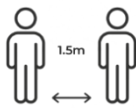
Convenors

- Communicate to all Alpaca Show attendees that if they are not feeling well they should stay at home and not attend the show. Request attendees bring a mask and appropriate hand sanitizer/soap with them to the show.
- Convenor to divide volunteers into teams based on work areas, to reduce both the risk of transmission and the number of people that may need to isolate in the event of contact with a positive case at the show.
- Convenors assume the responsibility of a COVID Marshall for the event, or they can appoint an appropriately trained volunteer (as an example the Ag Shows appointed COVID Marshall supplied with a copy of the handbook).
- Minimise contact between Convenors, Exhibitors, Judges, Visitors and any contractors or delivery personnel.
- Interstate travelers or residents of current known "Covid Hot Spots" are encouraged to be tested negative in the days before entering the show.
- Communication where possible will be via electronic media. This may include email, Facebook, AAA Website, ealpaca...
- Judges and volunteers will be booked into accommodation that has the relevant state government COVID-19 Safety Plan and uses QR Codes to record visitation data. Share rooms will only be allowed if all occupants are from the same household.
- Where possible exhibitor meetings to be held outdoors or in well ventilated indoor areas, adhering to Social Distancing
- Systems and processes must be in place to minimise surface contamination through regular cleaning, encouraging personal hygiene, using cleaning products that include detergent or disinfectant and having hand washing measures and hand sanitising stations in place at appropriate locations. It is recommended to have a Hygiene Marshall to ensure compliance.
- Where practical doors, entry and exit points will be left open to limit touch points.
- Signage and communication should be used to reinforce physical distancing messages. Signage should be erected at site entry and exit points explaining conditions of entry and personal responsibilities.
- Encourage attendees to avoid close physical contact such as hugging, kissing and handshakes.
- Encourage attendees not to congregate in car parks or unofficial smoking areas in contravention of these distancing requirements.

- As much as possible use signage and communication to reinforce physical distancing messages.
- Two microphones are encouraged, allowing the Judges and MCs to have their own microphones. Sharing microphones is not recommended. Judge's microphone to be placed with the "Judge's ringside sanitiser station".
- All judges and volunteers are to be provided with their own pens/pencils where possible.

Physical distancing

Monitor and control the number of people in all relevant areas (based on 2 square meters per person rule). This incorporates all areas of a show such as, Marshalling Area, Exhibitor Area, Spectator areas and the Show Ring. This must be in accordance with current state and territory authority, regarding "Social Distancing".



Exhibitors

- No Animal check will occur. Confirmation of exhibitor alpaca numbers will be replaced with provision of a copy of *NATIONAL SOUTH AMERICAN CAMELID DECLARATION AND WAYBILL VERSION 2, MAY 2017* to the show conveners upon arrival to the show.
- Conveners may also provide an animal check in summary sheet.
- The Judge will afford some time prior to the commencement of the show to confirm any exhibitor animal colour checks if required.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Display signage and communications to encourage personal hygiene, such as coughing into elbows
- Encourage exhibitors, judges, volunteers and visitors to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth
- Provision of hand drying facilities e.g. paper towel.
- If in control of any restroom facilities ensuring all toilets have soap and running water for hand washing.
- Encourage exhibitors, judges, volunteers and visitors to wash their hands after using bathroom facilities and regularly during the day
- Provide regular reminders to exhibitors, judges, volunteers and visitors to avoid close physical contact such as hugging and handshakes.
- Place alcohol-based hand sanitiser stations in frequently used locations such as bathrooms, show table and at show ring entry and exit.
- Judges will have an alcohol-based hand sanitiser station ringside
- Undertake regular cleaning of communal areas using bleach or other cleaning products effective against viruses, with more frequent cleaning of surfaces that are regularly touched such as doors and door handles, computer equipment, bathrooms, food preparation areas etc.
- Staff, volunteers and exhibitors are to wear gloves when cleaning surfaces and wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds before and after.
- Personal protective equipment (including masks) must be regularly replaced or laundered as necessary.

Ventilation

- Increase natural ventilation in exhibitor building by ensuring as many doors and windows remain open as practical.
- Where possible, outdoor show venues are preferred.

Record keeping

- Use only the State or Territory relevant QR Code to record all Visitors, Volunteers, Judges and Exhibitors. Whilst Show Societies will all have Show Entry QR Codes, for Government tracing purposes it is advised that each individual alpaca show has an independent Covid Safe Plan and Visitors, Volunteers, Judges and Exhibitors scan in a second time using the Alpaca Show QR Code. See QR Codes
- An Ipad or similar will be provided for Visitors, Volunteers or Exhibitors, who do not possess the necessary device to register
- Visitors, volunteers, judges and exhibitors are encouraged to download the COVIDSafe app.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

- The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever and cough.
- Other symptoms can include headache, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, aches and pains, loss of smell, altered sense of taste, runny nose, chills and vomiting.
- Most people infected with COVID-19 will have a mild to moderate illness and will recover without special medical treatment. Some people, such as those with underlying medical problems or disease and older people, are more likely to suffer from more serious symptoms of the diseases. See also our content on vulnerable workers.
- If you are or notice someone within the group be it judge, exhibitor, volunteer or visitor displaying Covid-19 style symptoms you must:
- Follow Department of Health procedures:
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>.
- Alternatively contact one of the help lines applicable to the respective state or territory.
 - New South Wales - 1300 066 055
 - Queensland - 13 432 584
 - Victoria - 1800 675 398
 - South Australia – 1800 253 787
 - Tasmania - 1800 671 738
 - Western Australia – 13 26843
 - Australian Capital Territory - (02) 6207 7244
- In the event of exposure or expected exposure to Covid-19 all involved parties will be required to isolate from others and will be provided a surgical mask to wear. They will be required to travel home or to a medical facility and be tested. Health officials will be informed, and any additional advice followed. All areas the person had been would be thoroughly cleaned with appropriate PPE in place for cleaners. All close contacts including the 24 hours prior to symptoms showing would be identified and required to isolate at home. Visitors, volunteers and exhibitors would be made aware of suspected or confirmed cases.

Resources

- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe>
- <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/approved-industry-covid-safe-plans/qld-agricultural-shows-and-showgrounds>
- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-plan>
- <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-work/create-a-covid-safe-plan>
- <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/Health-and-Safety/safety-alerts/coronavirus/covid-safe-workplaces-framework>
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-employers>
- www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules
- <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/-/media/Corp/Documents/Health-for/Infectious-disease/COVID19/COVID19-IPC-advice-for-state-quarantine-facilities.pdf>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/face-masks>
- <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/tools-and-resources/event-starter-guide/>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/self-isolation>
- <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/business-activity>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/covid-19-safety-guidance-for-large-events>
- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-plan>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/major-recreation-facilities>
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/face-masks>
- https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/icts/index.html
- <https://covidaware.instructure.com/courses>
- <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-safety-plan-and-guidelines>
- <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-print-pack/758/733>